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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

) Group Art Unit: 1653

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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.121**

Sir:

This paper is in response to an Office Action dated August 25, 2003 issued for restriction purposes and compliance with the sequence rules. A petition to extend the time for response for one month, from September 25, 2003 to October 25, 2003 is being filed herewith. As October 25, 2003 falls on a Saturday, this response is timely filed with the extension on Monday, October 27, 2003.

**ELECTION**

Applicants hereby elect the subject matter of Group I, claims 45-66.

**In the Specification:**

Kindly substitute the attached substitute specification, pages 1 to 68 for original pages 1 to 66.

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